

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0081] with the following amended paragraph:

[0081] FIGS. 12A-22 disclose drive actuators having a brake, lock, and/or track mechanism configured to allow the user to selectively raise, lower, or statically position a bottom rail. As shown in FIGS. 12-14, the blind includes a balancing adjustment device configured to [[a]] allow the consumer to adjust the balance of forces and/or performance of the drive actuator (e.g., weighting, resistance, spring tension, friction, etc.).

Please replace paragraph [0087] with the following amended paragraph:

[0087] Spool 218 includes a first outer wall 240, a second outer wall 242, and a middle wall 244 located intermediate of first and second outer walls 240, 242. A first slot 246 is formed by first outer wall 240 and the middle wall 244. A second slot 248 is formed by second outer wall 242 and the middle wall 244. A first cord 250 enters ~~drag-brake-system~~ drive actuator 216 and winds on first tensioning pulley 222, preferably wrapping around the pulley once. First cord 250 then wraps on spool 218 in first slot 246. A second cord 252 enters drag brake system 216 and winds on second tensioning pulley 224, preferably wrapping around the second tensioning pulley at least once. Second cord 252 is then wound on spool 218 in second slot 248. Because first and second cords 250, 252 wrap in first and second slots 246, 248 on a single spool 218, it is easy to ascertain that if the first cord wraps on the spool in a clockwise direction, the second cord also wraps on the spool in a clockwise direction.